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In re Application of

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For: BASECOATS COMPRISING FATTY ACID MODIFIED EPOXY ESTERS AND/OR ALKYD RESINGS, THEIR PREPARATION AND USE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, Virginia 22202-3514

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted with the application for entry into the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II. This application is based on PCT/EP2003/006883 filed on June 28, 2003.

In connection with the filing of this National Phase application, please make the following preliminary amendments.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account 23-3425 any fees necessary for entry of this amendment.

Please make the following amendments to the Application as set forth below.